Dear Dave,

12/21/59

Although I appear to be recovering very well, it is hard to slow and most of the time I am pretty fed up with the Cardiology ward's "wiped out" forecast was accurate. I don't want to risk forgetting more of the detail of "Mayday" than I have from the strange air incident and my 1/4-interrupted reading of it and I think that someone will be here in the a.m. to put the words out so did send the book now.

I was sick into the book before I formed an impression that did not change. Thus, in my comment of a prejudice. I had not read very much before disputing that Beschloss intended an apology / justification for the CIA etc. what I've always regarded as its deliberate wrecking of the detente that could have turned the world around. And reduced its raison d'etre. I very hope I was finished I was convinced I was right.

While no matter what the story that a book we must always extend the broadest liberties to the author on what he selects to use and not to use, I cry foul at the angled selectivity was and what I regard as misrepresentations of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings particularly Allen Dulles' testimony is simply not honest.

Beschloss - does the name suggest a pun? - says throughout that Ike agreed in advance to this particular U-2 over flight of the USSR but I can't remember his citation of a single in advance word

This is not the only reason I do not

believe him.

In plain English, what he argues, what he has put together, just does not make sense.

Of course it can be argued that people and ~~Policy~~ policy often do not make sense and that is true.

But if he wanted, Sen. could have an unprecedented opportunity that didn't much to him and I just do not believe that he would have settled it for the very little he will have gotten from the most successful U-2 overflight.

Imean, as I'm sure you know, it did not have to be shot down to have a good chance of wrecking the summit. It was simply too soon, too close on the heels, particularly with the summit scheduled.

Please excuse the haste.

Best to you all

Henry